

Amendments to the Claims

This listing of claims replaces all prior versions and listings of claims in the application.

1. – 7. (Canceled)

8. (Previously presented) A system for replenishing low inventory, comprising:

a first terminal associated with a user's site for entering and displaying information;

a second terminal associated with a supplier's site for entering and displaying information;

a network connected to said first terminal and said second terminal for exchanging information between said first terminal and said second terminal; and

a replenishment module executing computer readable instructions stored in memory

to continuously display a signal having a first visual characteristic

simultaneously to both terminals in response to the user requesting a

replenishment of inventory, and to subsequently modify the signal

simultaneously to both terminals to continuously display a second visual

characteristic different than the first visual characteristic responsive to the

supplier sending the requested replenishment of inventory and during the time

that the requested replenishment of inventory is in transit to the user.

9. (Canceled)

10. (Previously presented) The system of claim 8 wherein said first and second visual characteristics are graphical representations of data.

11. (Previously presented) The system of claim 8 wherein said first visual characteristic is a first color and said second visual characteristic is a second color different than the first color.

12. (Previously presented) The system of claim 8 wherein said first visual characteristic includes highlighting a portion of both terminals red.

13. (Previously presented) The system of claim 8 wherein said second visual characteristic includes highlighting the portion of both terminals yellow.

14. (Previously presented) The system of claim 25 wherein said third visual characteristic includes highlighting the portion of both terminals green.

15. (Currently amended) A method for replenishing inventory, comprising:
establishing a supply chain communication link between a user's terminal and a
supplier's terminal; ~~and~~
continuously displaying a signal having a first visual characteristic simultaneously
to both terminals in response to the user requesting a replenishment of
inventory; and
subsequently modifying the signal simultaneously to both terminals to continuously
display a second visual characteristic different than the first visual characteristic
responsive to the supplier sending the requested replenishment of inventory and
during the time that the requested replenishment of inventory is in transit to the
user.

16. – 23. (Canceled)

24. (Previously presented) The system of claim 8 wherein the replenishment
module further subsequently modifies the signal simultaneously to both terminals to
continuously display a third visual characteristic different than the first and second visual
characteristics and responsive to the user acknowledging a receipt of the requested
replenishment of inventory that was previously in transit.

25. (Previously presented) The system of claim 24 wherein the third visual
characteristic is a third color different than the first and second colors.

26. (Previously presented) The method of claim 15 wherein the continuously displaying step and the subsequently modifying step are characterized by said first and second visual characteristics being graphical representations of data.

27. (Previously presented) The method of claim 15 wherein the continuously displaying step and the subsequently modifying step are characterized by said first visual characteristic being a first color and said second visual characteristic being a second color different than the first color.

28. (Previously presented) The method of claim 15 wherein the continuously displaying step is characterized by said first visual characteristic including highlighting a portion of both terminals red.

29. (Previously presented) The method of claim 15 wherein the subsequently modifying step is characterized by said second visual characteristic including highlighting the portion of both terminals yellow.

30. (Previously presented) The method of claim 15 further comprising subsequently twice modifying the signal simultaneously to both terminals to continuously display a third visual characteristic different than the first and second visual characteristics and responsive to the user acknowledging a receipt of the requested replenishment of inventory that was previously in transit.

31. (Previously presented) The system of claim 30 wherein the subsequently twice modifying the signal step is characterized by said third visual characteristic being a third color different than the first and second colors.

32. (Previously presented) The system of claim 31 wherein the subsequently twice modifying the signal step is characterized by said third visual characteristic including highlighting the portion of both terminals green.